

March 5, 2007

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ulrich.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Clouch, Galvin, Rische, Tsao, Ulrich, and Chairperson Lewis.

Absent: Commissioner Santome.

Also Present: Transportation Manager Semaan.

Chairperson Lewis relayed Commissioner's Santome request for an excused absence.

MOTION: Chairperson Lewis moved to grant Commissioner Santome an excused absence for the March 5, 2007 Traffic Commission meeting. Commissioner Ulrich seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Galvin requested an excused absence for the May Traffic Commission meeting.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Ulrich moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Clouch seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 4, 2006 AND FEBRUARY 5, 2007

MOTION: Commissioner Ulrich moved for the approval of the December 4, 2006 and February 5, 2007 Traffic Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Galvin seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Santome).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7A. TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2006 YEAR IN REVIEW

Transportation Manager Semaan introduced the item and recommended that the Commission receive and file the Traffic Commission 2006 Year in Review as the summary of Traffic Commission items from January to December of 2006.

Commissioner Rische related his observation that election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson occurred in February 2006 and Transportation Manager Semaan stated that he would check the calendar and, if it has been a year, put election of officers on the April 2007 meeting agenda.

In response to Commissioner Rische's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan provided an update on the status of the General Plan update and the Citywide Traffic Study. He advised that drafts of the General Plan update were being created and would come back to the individual Commissions for review, noting that the City was simultaneously moving forward on the Strategic Plan. He stated that the Citywide Traffic Study is looking at projecting future numbers based on land uses, and that the consultant will provide recommendations for mitigations and improvements as needed.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Transportation Manager Semaan announced the 2007 City Traffic Engineers (CTE) Association's 2007 Traffic Commissioners Workshop on April 21, 2007 in the City of Pomona.

8b. Transportation Manager Semaan shared information about construction on Sepulveda Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard to the west City limits.

8c. Transportation Manager Semaan discussed a possible issue that may come forward to the Commission regarding overflow parking by employees at a supermarket at Crenshaw Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

8d. Transportation Manager Semaan noted that issues that may be coming to the Commission include speeding and cut through traffic concerns on Acacia Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street as well as on Post Avenue between Cravens Avenue and Carson Street.

8e. Commissioner Clouch expressed concern about lack of parking at Hull Middle School for adult school students. Transportation Manager Semaan responded that staff was aware of the situation and have discussed it with Torrance Unified School District's Deputy Superintendent and their contracted traffic engineer.

8f. Transportation Manager Semaan discussed access routes and potential diversions into Sam Levy School from outside neighborhoods: 230th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard, Madison Street from Sepulveda Boulevard, and 229th Street through Nadine Circle. He stated that the closest, shortest, and most direct route to the school is from 235th Street via Crenshaw Boulevard. He stated that other topics of discussion with the School District include busing, drop off areas, and utilizing Traffic Enforcement Officers to redirect traffic.

In response to Commissioner Ulrich's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan stated that the School District has opted to use its own buses rather than Torrance Rapid Transit.

8g. Commissioner Ulrich asked staff to check the signal timing at Ocean Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

8h. Commissioner Rische received clarification that a signal was not being contemplated at Madison Street and Lomita Boulevard, but opening up a right turn in from Lomita Boulevard is being considered by Torrance Unified School District.

8i. Commissioner Rische related his observation that signal timing was not synchronized on Hawthorne Boulevard south of Pacific Coast Highway as well as on Anza Avenue south of 190th Street.

Chairperson Lewis concurred that the signal at Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue was very short.

8j. Chairperson Lewis initiated a brief discussion about the possibility of installing a signal at the private driveway coming out of the back of Sam's Club.

8k. Transportation Manager Semaan stated that staff would be meeting with Torrance Unified School District to discuss safety and delay concerns at the alleyway for South High School out to Calle Mayor.

8l. Commissioner Tsao requested that staff provide feedback about issues that Commissioners raise at Commission meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 p.m., Chairperson Lewis adjourned the meeting to April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room.

Approved as Submitted April 2, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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